WEATHER
Light snow, colder tonight and Tuesday with wind-whipped skirts.

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CONGRESS VOTES WAR ON JAPS; 1,500 DEAD IN HAWAII; BRITAIN GETS INTO BATTLE

BRITISH KEEP WORD TO AID U. S. IN FIGHT

Churchill Calls Parliament, Announces Japs Told State of War Exists.

SENDS WORD TO CHINA

Charges Nippon Envoys Used To Prolong Talks While Attack Was Planned.

LONDON —(AP)— Great Britain declared war on Japan today, allying herself with the United States.

Prime Minister Churchill, beginning a statement as soon as he entered commons, summoned in a special session to hear his declaration, said:

"As soon as I heard last night that Japan had attacked the United States I felt it necessary that parliament should be immediately summoned."

The house of lords also had been called to sit simultaneously to hear the British prime minister's historic pronouncement.

Churchill told commons that the war declaration against Japan was authorized at a noon session of his cabinet.

"I spoke to President Roosevelt on the Atlantic telephone last night with a view to arranging the time for our respective declaration," Churchill disclosed.

"Instructions were sent to our ambassador at Tokyo and a communication was dispatched to the Japanese charge d'affaires at 1 o'clock today (7 a. m., EST) stating that in view of Japan's wanton acts of unprovoked aggression, the British government informed them that a state of war existed between the two countries," Churill went on.

He declared that "with the full approval of the nation and the empire I pledged the word of Great Britain about a month ago that should the United States be involved in war with Japan, a British declaration would follow Churchill went on.

Churchill said the Japanese began landing in British territory in northern Malaya at 6 a. m. yesterday (6 p. m., Saturday EST) and were engaged immediately by British forces "which were ready."

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MYSTERY FIRE HITS GAS BARGE

FBI Seeks Evidence of Sabotage In Wilmington Blaze.

WILMINGTON, N. C.—(INS)—A mysterious fire broke out today on a barge filled with high test gasoline and immediately was communicated to a large tanker, the H. N. Fredrichyen, owned by the Pure Oil company, also loaded with gasoline.

The fire was extinguished after a two-hour fight. Agents of the federal bureau of investigation were dispatched to the ships lying at their Wilmington dock to search for evidence of sabotage.

Neither ship was seriously damaged.

PROMISES AID

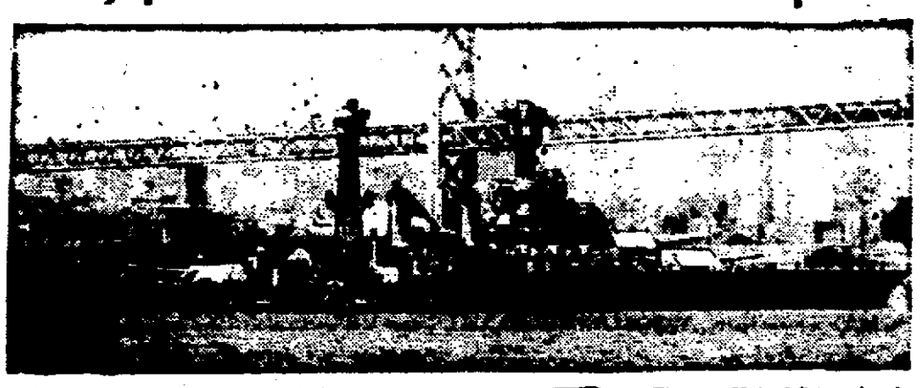
Mexico Pledges Full Support To U. S. In War.

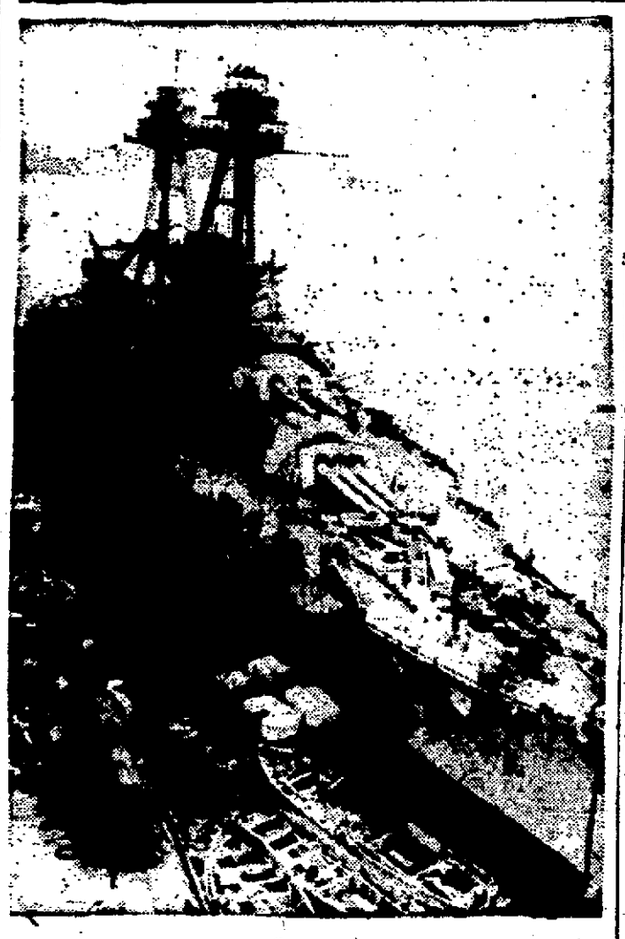
MEXICO CITY — (INS) — A pledge of full co-operation with the United States in its war effort was given by Mexican Foreign Minister Ezequiel Padilla today as President Manuel Avila Camacho planned to convene congress in speal session to consider this country's future moves.

FBI SEIZES 736 JAPS

WASHINGTON (U.P.) Attorney General Francis Biddle announced today that federal bureau of investigation agents had seized 736 Japanese nationals in the United States and in the Hawaiian islands last night.

Japs Claim To Have Sunk These Ships





The two United States battleships pictured here—the West Virginia at the top and the Oklahoma at the bottom—were claimed by the Japanese to have been sunk in the opening of the battle between the two nations. Washington admitted that "one old battleship" had capsized at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, after it had been attacked, but did not name the ship.

Anxiety Grips Homes Of 1,000 In Service From City, County

War and death and sorrow that goes with it struck deep into the homes of some 1,000 Mansfield and Richland county youths yesterday when Japan launched its attack on American naval and military bases in the Pacific and then followed it up with a formal declaration of war on the United States.

It hit particularly in those homes where sons are in military service. Some of them are stationed in the zone of actual fighting, others are trained men ready to be dispatched to the battle area and still others who are already trained and discharged are subject to be called back soon.

Of the hundreds of men in the American armed forces from Mansfield and the county, there are perhaps 30 in the region of actual fighting.

In those homes where families knew definitely that their sons were in the Hawaiian Island sector, the story was much the same when first word was flashed that naval and military bases were being attacked by fleets of bombers.

Those families waited on word as to whether this ship had been attacked or whether bombs fell on any army or naval base from where their sons were stationed.

Charles Feeman, 627 Stocking avenue, is reported to have been aboard the U. S. S. Virginia reported sunk yesterday. The report, however, was still unconfirmed today. His relatives and friends anxiously awaited word regarding his status.

At the home of Paul Grassick, stationed near Manila at Ft. Stostenburg with the 192nd tank battalion, his parents waited news in their living room surrounded by maps on which they were marking bombed spots from information contained in The News-Journal extra last night.

Mrs. Alexander Grassick, his mother, re-read at least a dozen times during the evening a cable she had just recently received which announced his safe arrival

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TANKS CLASH IN SHOWDOWN

Massive Libya Battle Rages as Reds Continue to Press Moscow Fight.

(By Associated Press)

German and British tanks fought a massive show-down battle on the sands of North Africa today, while on the Soviet front, the Russians reported a continuing counter-offensive by Red army troops north of Moscow.

British middle east headquarters announced that British pressure on Axis troops in the Libyan battle zone was "steadily increasing."

A bulletin from Adolf Hitler's field headquarters said Russian troops made a futile attempt to land on the western shores of the Crimea peninsula and had been mostly destroyed. Only a few managed to escape by ship, the high command said.

Nazi military quarters said the sea-borne attack was aimed at Yevpatoriya, a port 40 miles north of the siege-bound Russian naval base at Sevastopol.

The high command also reported progress by German and Italian troops counter-attacking in the Donets river basin.

Soviet front-line dispatches said the Russians had thrown the Nazis back 50 to 75 miles on the Rostov front and reported a violent battle raging along the Mius river, north of Taganrog, where the Germans have taken a new stand after their headlong retreat from Rostov-on-Don.

Russian quarters meanwhile estimated that the Germans had only sufficient fuel to carry on

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TEST BLACKOUTS

Alaska Communities Act as Posts Go On War Footing.

KETCHIKAN, Alaska — (INS) — Test blackouts were held at several Alaskan communities early today, as all military posts in the territory went on a war footing.

Civic officials said that the blackouts were only partial, and were designed as much to save electrical power for military uses as they were to cloak the areas from possible air raiders.

WHITE HOUSE SAYS 3,000 CASUALTIES

Admits Loss of Battleship, Destroyer, Reports Heavy Counter Operations.

JAP SUBS DESTROYED

Washington Reveals Damage Serious at Oahu; U. S. Reinforcements Arrive.

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON — Casualties on the Hawaiian island of Oahu in yesterday's Japanese air attack will amount to about 3,000, including about 1,500 fatalities, the White House announced today.

The White House confirmed the loss in Pearl Harbor of "one old battleship" and a destroyer, which was blown up.

Several other American ships were damaged and a large number of army and navy airplanes on Hawaiian fields were put out of commission, the White House disclosed.

It reported at the same time that American operations against Japan were being carried out on a large scale, resulting already in the destruction of "a number of Japanese planes and submarines."

The White House statement said:

"American operations against the Japanese attacking force in the neighborhood of the Hawaiian islands are still continuing. A number of Japanese planes and submarines have been destroyed.

"The damage caused to our forces in Oahu in yesterday's at-

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IN WAR DRESS

Ohio Soldiers Leave Camp Shelby For Secret Post.

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—(INS)—With live ammunition issued to every soldier, the 145th regiment, composed of national guardsmen from Cleveland and Akron, today left Camp Shelby with full wartime packs for an undisclosed destination.

It was reported but not confirmed that the regiment, part of the Ohio's 37th division, would be assigned to border patrol duty or to factory guard duty.

PRESIDENT DRAFTS FIGHTING MESSAGE WHOLE U. S. UNITES

JAPAN CLAIMS VICTORIES IN AIR, ON OCEAN

Declare Two U. S. Battleships Sunk, 4 Cruisers Damaged, Many Planes Destroyed.

BULLETIN

TOKYO—(Official radio picked up by AP)—The Japanese asserted today they had won naval supremacy over the United States in the Pacific, claiming by official or unofficial reports the destruction of two American battleships and an air-craft carrier and the damaging of six cruisers.

BULLETIN

BANGKOK—(INS)—The Thailand government today announced cessation of all resistance to Japanese invasion. Japanese troops presumably will be permitted to travel unmolested through Thailand, cutting the land bridge between Singapore and southern China.

(By Associated Press)

TOKYO—Japan claimed today smashing naval and air victories against the United States in the first shock of her offensive in the Pacific.

Imperial headquarters, in an announcement broadcast by Domei, said that two battleships and a minesweeper had been sunk, four heavy cruisers damaged, many merchant ships seized and scores of planes destroyed aground and in the air in Hawaii and the Philippines.

The communique said also that a United States aircraft carrier had been sunk by submarine off Honolulu "although this is not confirmed.

So far as naval losses went, the Japanese said they had escaped unscathed and they acknowledged the loss of only two planes in Philippine actions.

The Japanese said that the minesweeper, the 840-ton Penguin, was sunk in an air attack

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Washington Hears Inclusion of Germany, Italy In Declaration Likely As Leaders Prepare Resolutions For Prompt Passage.

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON—The United States at 1 p. m. today declared war against Japan. Both senate and house passed resolutions declaring a state of war to exist since the unprovoked attacks yesterday upon the U. S. by Japanese forces.

By LYLE C. WILSON
(UP Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt put finishing touches on a war message to congress today as senate and house leaders prepared resolutions to proclaim the state of war between the United States and Japan — and perhaps Germany and Italy.

The gravity of the hour was made ever clearer as the White House announced that there were 3,000 estimated casualties in the treacherous Japanese assault on Hawaii's Island of Oahu.

The White House reported that one old battleship capsized in the attack on Pearl harbor, one destroyer was blown up and "several other American ships were damaged."

It declared that American counter-measures had accounted for a "number of Japanese planes and submarines."

Mr. Roosevelt, who has worked indefatigably since first news of the unprovoked Japanese attack on our outlying defense bastions, was in constant communication with his war leaders and confidential advisers for last-minute revisions of his momentous address.

In the senate, Chairman Tom Connally, D., Tex., of the foreign relations committee prepared a joint resolution for introduction, formally declaring the war which Japan has "thrust upon us."

But drafting of a formal house resolution was held in abeyance as leaders there, Democrat and Republican alike, waited news from the "White House as to whether Mr. Roosevelt also wants a declaration of war against Japan's two Axis partners—Germany and Italy.

The house leaders arranged a strategy conference to take place an hour before the special joint session of congress at 12:30 p. m., at which the president will appear. They will learn of his wishes at that conference and act accordingly. House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack of Massachusetts was chosen to introduce the resolution. He will do it with these words only:

"This is the time for action."

Introduction of such a resolution would come shortly after the president concludes his address to the joint session.

The president was particularly gratified this morning over the mounting reaction of the country expressed to the White House in hundreds of telegrams and telephone calls.

Secretary Stephen Early told a press conference that the tremendous volume of messages to the president "all express horror at this attack and pledge full loyalty to the president and the government."

The messages came from governors, mayors, religious

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War Bulletins

CHUNGKING—(AP)—China has decided to declare war on Japan, Germany and Italy, Foreign Minister Quo Tai-Chi announced at a special press conference tonight. He said China was prepared to make every sacrifice to collaborate with the United States and Great Britain in defeating Japan.

NEW YORK—(INS)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill today advised the house of commons against under-estimating the strength of Japan, according to an NBC broadcast from London.

MANILA—(UP)—Naval authorities announced today that United States marines of the Peiping and Tientsin garrisons, isolated when Japan attacked the United States, had been captured by the Japanese.

NEW YORK—(INS)—An attempted Japanese landing in North Borneo has been driven off by British troops, the British radio announced today in a broadcast heard by CBS. This was the first reported Japanese attempt to invade the Netherlands East Indies sphere.

NEW YORK—(INS)—An unconfirmed report that the United States 1,500-ton destroyer Preston has been sunk was relayed today by Bert Silen, NBC correspondent at Manila.

NEW YORK—(INS)—A Tokyo radio broadcast heard by NBC said today that the island of Palawan, in the Philippines has been bombed.

HAVANA, Cuba—(AP)—The cabinet asked Cuba's congress today to declare war on Japan.

'Beat Hell Out of 'Em!' City's Reaction to War With Japan

All Mansfield—up until now not too deeply concerned by war—was definitely in favor today of "beating the hell out of the Japs."

News-Journal reporters interviewed housewives, clerks, lawyers, politicians, merchants, and Mansfield residents in all walks of life to get their reaction on Japan's attack upon the United States and their unanimous answer was "Let's beat 'em!"

Here and there concern for relatives in the war zone or others who would be sent there to fight was displayed but even in these instances, determination to crush any "Yellow Peril" was foremost in their minds.

In no instance was there any hesitation about beating the Japanese. A few speculated whether it could be done quickly, but others seemed highly confident of a speedy and overwhelming victory.

"It's a simple case of race suicide," said Service-Safety Director C. M. Crafton. "Suicide of the whole Japanese race."

Judge G. E. Kalbfleisch, chairman of the local civilian defense committee—"Well, they've been looking for it for 30 years and at last they've found it. But, what a surprise those Japanese have coming!"

County Prosecutor Harold Lutz—"We're in it now, and I have a feeling Japan is going to be a hard nut to crack, because the Japs are crafty."

Common Pleas Judge C. H. Huston—"I was almost sick yesterday when I heard the news, but the Jap attack will do more than anything else to unite this country toward one goal, and

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Bombers Attack Philippines Twice, Manila Blacked Out

(By Associated Press)

MANILA—Japanese bombers struck at military bases and forts the length of the Philippines today, smashing at the big Fort Stotensburg, Clark field, the summer mountain capital at Baguio, the ports of Davao and Aparri and the far northern Batan island group.

Manila had heard no air raid alarms and seen no raiding planes early tonight although Japanese warcraft were reported within 40 miles of the densely populated city.

Manila, which has no public air raid shelters, was blacked out beneath heavily overcast skies from soon after dusk. Other ports also shut off lights and waited tensely.

The army headquarters announced that Davao, center of concentrated Japanese population on the southernmost of the large islands and Baguio, summertime mountain capital of the Philippines north of Manila, had been bombed by daylight.

Private advices from Fort Stotsenburg, on Luzon island, said three Japanese planes had been shot down without American losses in a second attack there.

(Domei broadcast that it described as a reliable report from neutral sources that the Japanese air force attacked Ft. Stotsenburg, headquarters of the United

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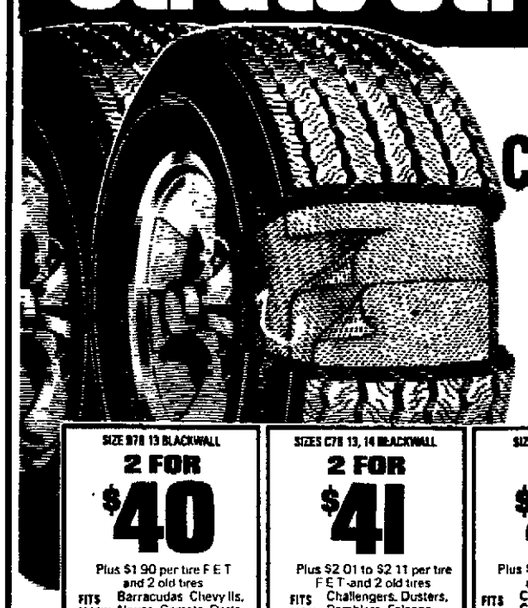

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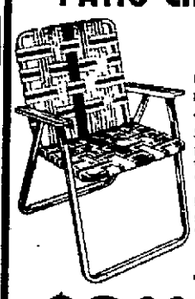

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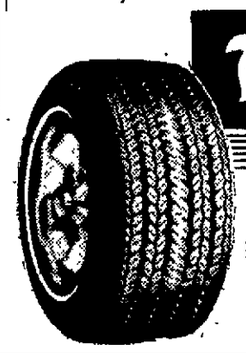

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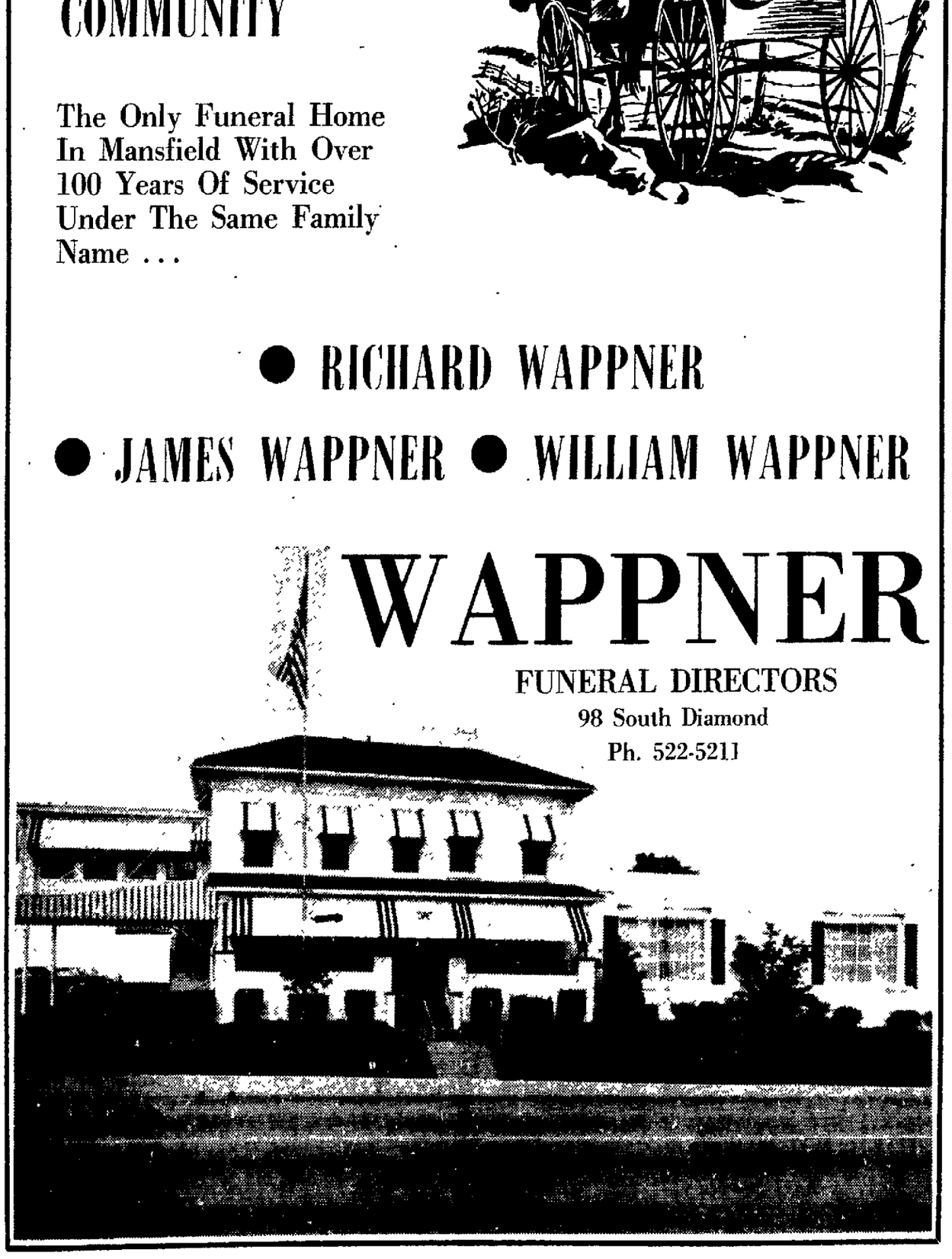

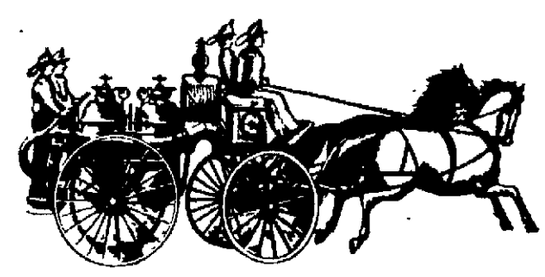

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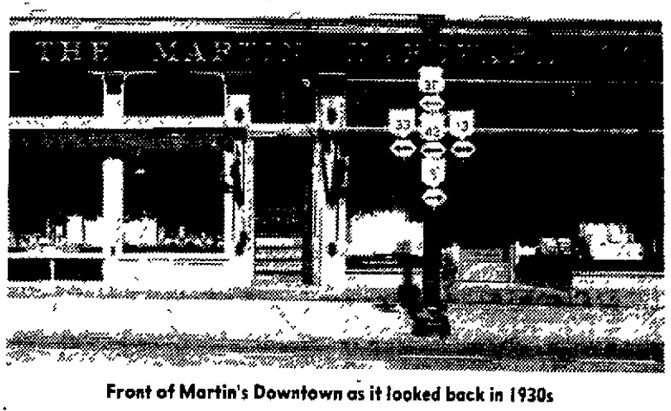

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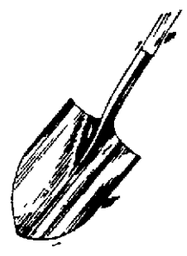

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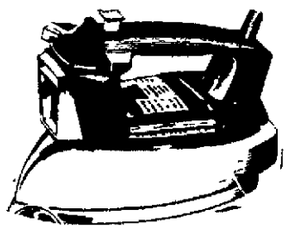

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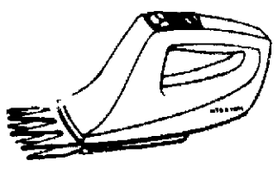

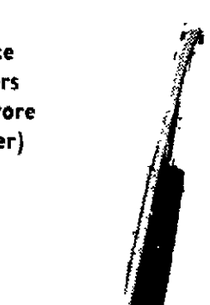

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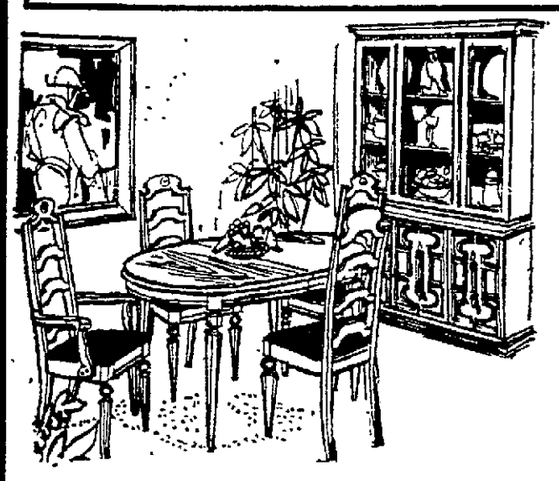

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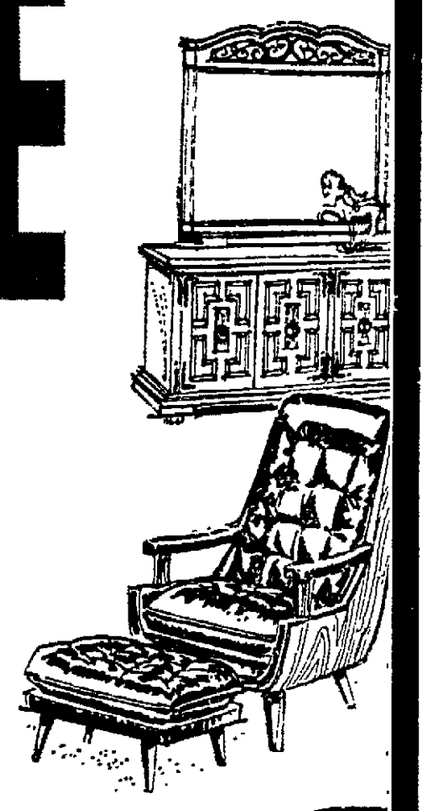

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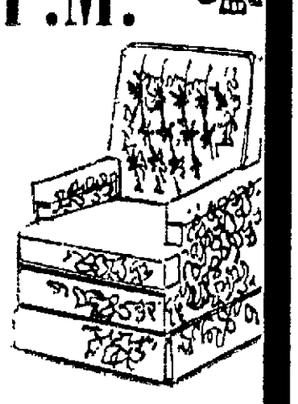

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